

REMARKS

Applicant's election requires the examination of Claims 1-18. However, Applicant believes that an examination of all of the claims would not impose an undue burden on the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicant disagrees with Examiner's assertion that there are no generic claims. Of the claims 1-18 that have been elected, claim 1 is a generic claim because it reads on all three species.

Applicant therefore respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the election requirements.

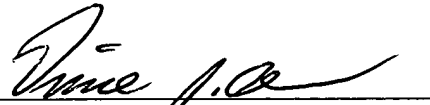
CONCLUSION

A first Office Action on the merits is now respectfully awaited. If there are any outstanding issues that the Examiner feels may be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Vincent J. Allen at 972.367.2001.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payments that may be due to CARSTENS, YEE & CAHOON, L.L.P. Deposit Account 50-0392.

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